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Illinois congressional leaders on Thursday sent a letter to President Bush, urging him to declare Cook, DuPage and McHenry counties federal disaster areas. Late August storms caused widespread flooding and damage across the area, but those three counties didn't make the initial list of those qualifying for aid from the Federal Emergency Management Agency. Lake, Kane, Will, DeKalb, Grundy and LaSalle counties on Tuesday were named federal disaster areas. Democratic U.S. Sens. Dick Durbin, and Barack Obama signed the letter. Other supporters include Republican U.S. Reps. Judy Biggert and Mark Kirk, and Democratic U.S. Reps. Melissa Bean and Jan Schakowsky.